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**MAYOR EMANUEL INTRODUCES APPOINTMENTS  
TO CHICAGO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today introduced a number of appointments to Chicago Boards and Commissions to City Council. The following appointees represent the City of Chicago's diverse communities and astute business leaders.

"Throughout their careers, these individuals have shown a deep dedication to serving communities across Chicago," said Mayor Emanuel. "My administration is committed to providing people in every neighborhood with the highest quality and most effective services. Through their leadership and hard work, I'm confident these appointees will help the City achieve its goals."

**Appointed as a member of the Chicago Plan Commission**

- Fran Grossman, Retired Managing Partner at Chicago Microlending Institute
- Gary Gardner, President and co-founder of PFG, LLC, a Chicago-based private equity firm; Retired President and co-founder of Namaste Laboratories, the nation's largest minority-owned hair care company; and former President of Soft Sheen Products, Inc.

**Reappointed as a member of the Chicago Plan Commission**

- Martin Cabrera, Jr., Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Cabrera Capital Markets, LLC. (Current Chair of the Plan Commission)

**Appointed as a member of the Chicago Board of Ethics**

- David L. Daskal, Account Executive at The Jellyvision Lab, Inc.

**Appointed as a member of the Community Development Commission**

- Marc Brooks, President and CEO of Hyde Park Hospitality

**Appointed as a member of the Advisory Council on Veterans**

- Branden R. Marty, Chicago Lead Event Director of the Warrior Games, Capstone Corporation
- Nicolas DeLong, MBA Candidate at the University of Notre Dame
- Emanuel Johnson, Program Officer at the Robert McCormick Foundation

- Jessica Rose Wallace, Director of Government Affairs/Assistant to the President at Metropolitan Family Services
- David S. Piatek, Vice President at The Federal Savings Bank

**Appointed as a member of the Public Building Commission**

- James F. Ellis, Jr., Business Manager of Laborers' Union 1001

Mayor Emanuel also announced the following appointments, which do not require City Council action:

**Appointed as a member of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Board**

- Martin J. Oberman, Attorney and former Metra Board Chair

**Reappointed as a member of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Board**

- Rita Athas, Consultant at World Business Chicago
- Frank H. Beal, Senior Executive at Civic Consulting Alliance

**Appointed as a member of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Board**

- Jorge Ramirez, President of the Chicago Federation of Labor

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